Good Morning to all Navy Medicine personnel and the Hospital Corps!

1. I had the opportunity to visit with many Sailors this month. Special thanks to the leadership and staff of NMCPHC, NOSTRA, NEMSCOM, SWMI, FMTB-West, NEMTI, and NTTC LA Trauma Center. Thank you for what you do for the Navy-Marine Corps team!

2. It has been approximately six months since the first class graduated from the new curriculum at HM 'A' school. My extended "Thanks and job well done!" For those Corpsmen this is a prompt for the HM PQS. As 'Leaders', help mentor them as they're your relief and will bring the care of the warfighter to new heights.

3. Happy Birthday Navy Medicine Civilian Corps! On 30 April 2018, we celebrate the establishment of the Navy Medicine sixth Corps, The Civilian Corps. As our military personnel constantly change duty stations, our civilians are the mortar of corporate knowledge which keeps our organization on solid foundation. The exceptionally strong bond between BUMED's military and civilian personnel has positively impacted Navy Medicine's capability to deliver world class healthcare to our Navy-Marine Corps team. Congratulations Navy Medicine Civilian Corps!

4. Congratulations to those PO1s who are selection board eligible! For the Reserve Component (FTS and SELRES), don't forget about submitting your package per NAVADMIN 027/18; Letter to the Board is due 30 April 2018.

5. Congratulations to HM1 Jane Lynn V. Borja, BUMED SOY. She is one of two HMs who competed against 19 other nominations for the 2017 Naval Shore Activities Sailor of the Year.

Also, HM1 Brandon Elrod who represented Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command as their SOY.

Even though neither were selected for the 2017 Naval Shore Activities SOY, we are still very proud of you both and thank you for representing the Hospital Corps!

6. Congratulations to this year's Preventive Medicine Technician of the Year, HM1 Sean A. McKay and Radiation Health Technician of the Year, HM1 David T. Keeling! These Sailors were recently recognized during the Navy Marine Corps Public Health Center Conference.

Congratulations to the following phenomenal Corpsmen!

HM1 Sean McKay named as the Preventive Medicine Technician of the Year
HM1 David Keeling named as the Radiation Health Technician of the Year
HM1 Omar Garcia named as the Aerospace Technician of the Year

7. The FY-18 EMDP2 NAVADMIN results have been forwarded for release. We are anxious to see these selected Sailors move onto the next chapter in their life. We ask that you continue to be patient and please contact HMC Khamvah Phetkhamyath, khamvah.phetkhamyath.mil@mail.mil for any questions or concerns.

8. Over the next year, there will be a turnover of ETLs in the following NECs. To be considered for the position, submit your packages to HMC Casiano at Leonor.m.casiano.mil@mail.mil
NECs: L09A (8416), L13A (8434), L20A (8466), L24A (8485) and L36/37A (8752/53).

9. See attached memorandum canceling a previous decision memorandum. BUMEDINST 1500.20A, Funding Professional Credentials and Certification Examinations supersedes any previous memorandums for the certification and licensure of Hospital Corpsman.
BUMEDINST 1500.20A authorizes Navy Medicine activities to pay for professional credentials, including expenses for professional board certification or recertification, examinations, and maintenance of certifications to obtain such credentials for our enlisted technicians.
Ensure widest dissemination and application.

10. IAW NAVADMIN 307/17, this announced policy changes required to align enlistment contracts and duty station tour lengths.
Deadline for the extensions or the PG13 message is 31 May 2018. Please refer to NAVADMIN 307/17, or discuss with your Command Career Counselor for further details.

11. In remembrance:

HM3 Marcquest J. Nettles died April 2, 2006, when the truck he was riding in rolled over in a flash flood near Al Asad, Iraq with 1st Combat Logistics Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

HN Geovani Padila-Aleman died April 2 as a result of enemy action in Anbar province, Iraq with 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2/28 Brigade Combat Team.

HM3 Fernando Mendez-Aceves died April 6 while conducting combat operations in the Anbar province, Iraq with 1st Marine Division Detachment.

HN Benjamin D. Rast died April 6 in Shaykh-Mujhamihalyan, Afghanistan, while conducting a dismounted patrol with 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve.

HN Aaron A. Kent died April 23 when an improvised explosive device detonated while he was conducting combat operations near Fallujah, Iraq with 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

You will never be forgotten!

12. These dedicated Navy leaders will go ashore in the next month - All of us hope the next chapter of your lives is even more rewarding. Fair winds and following seas to:

HMC Oscar Lopezbarrera (13th Dental Company) 6 April 2018
HMCM Chris Thorne (NH Sigonella) 27 April 2018
CMDCM Tom Moore (FHCC Great Lakes) 27 April 2018
HMCS Manuel Contreras (NMCSD) 29 April 2018

In closing, I'm proud and grateful to be here and look forward to the progression of the Hospital Corps. I urge each of you to challenge your Sailors, remain vigilant and do your best each and every day.